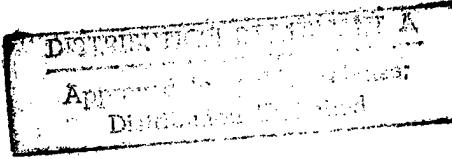


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Under the subject grant titled "Numerical Study of Rough Surface Scattering" research was conducted on rough surface scattering using an exact numerical method based on solving an integral equation. Boundary conditions appropriate to both sea surface and sea bottom scattering were employed. Numerical studies were used to examine the accuracy of approximations used with scattering theory, and various scattering phenomena were examined directly with numerical simulations and modeling.

One important highlight from this work is that numerical simulations were used to show that roughness at the water/sediment interface could lead to significant acoustic penetration into sediment at incident grazing angles below the critical angle. This work played an important part in the development of the High Frequency Sediment Acoustics DRI which began in FY98. As part of the preparation for the DRI program, I chaired an ONR DRI Workshop in Monterosso, Italy, in July 1997.

An ONR High-Frequency Acoustics Workshop was held on 16-18 April 1996. I was moderator for the workshop, and subsequently completed a report on the workshop and the research issues raised. A separate contract was awarded for the report publication (ONR Grant No. N00014-96-1-0841), but that contract mainly covered the direct publication costs, including editorial support. The extensive effort required to develop the material and write the report was largely supported by the subject grant.

In addition to numerical work on sea surface and sea bottom scattering, a collaboration continued during the contract period with investigators in the CST program, an experimental program in low-frequency sea surface scattering. That work has also been supported in part by the subject grant and documented in several CST white papers.

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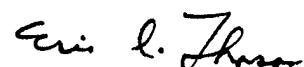
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